

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended.

I. Claims 1, 4 and 8 Satisfy the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as being based on disclosure which is not enabling. Accordingly, the claims are amended. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 8 is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,768,119 to Havekost et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Havekost does not disclose acquiring attribute information of the type set forth in the independent claims.

Instead, Havekost is directed to prioritizing display of alarm and event information, which allows the users of the system to prioritize the alarm information that is displayed. For example, as shown in figure 1C, if a process control strategy is developed by creating a software solution at the engineering work station 106, the solution can be transferred via the LAN to the operator work station or any other work station for execution. As such, the alarm system of Havekost allows various users of the system to prioritize the alarm and event information that is displayed. Thus, the user sets a desired alarm priority and selects high and low importance alarms.

Accordingly, there is no teaching, disclosure or even suggestion in Havekost for the types of attributes recited in the independent claims. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) under Havekost is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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